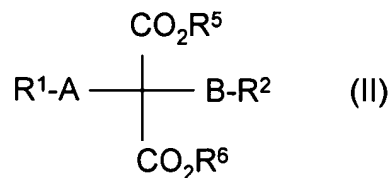


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Presently amended) The A malonic acid ester compound according to claim 1, which is a malonic acid ester derivative of Formula II



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a hydrate thereof,

wherein,

~~A, B, R¹ and R² are as defined above, and~~

A is absent; and

B represents a group of the formula -(CH₂)_n-, wherein

n is 1;

R¹ represents a phenyl or a benzyl group, said phenyl and benzyl groups being substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, trihalogenmethyl, alkyl, amino, nitro, cyano, alkoxy and phenyl;

R² represents a mono-heterocyclic aromatic group selected from the group consisting of isoxazolyl, pyridinyl, thienyl and 1,2,3-benzotriazolyl, said isoxazolyl, pyridinyl, thienyl and 1,2,3-

benzotriazolyl being unsubstituted or substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of being substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, trihalogenmethyl, alkyl, amino, nitro, cyano, alkoxy and phenyl; and

~~R⁵ and R⁶, independently of each another, represent hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, or a group of the formula NR'''R''', wherein R''' and R''', independently of each another, represent hydrogen or alkyl.~~

3-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Presently amended) The compound according to claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein R¹ represents ~~and R² independently of each other represent,~~ ~~an alkoxy group; a group of the formula OC(O)R' wherein R' is hydrogen or alkyl; a group of the formula NHC(O)R'', wherein R'' is hydrogen or alkyl; a phenyl or a benzyl group, wherein said phenyl and benzyl groups are unsubstituted or~~ being ~~substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, CN, amino, and nitro; and/or a 5- or 6-membered mono- or poly-heterocyclic group selected from the group consisting of and 1,2,3-benzotriazolyl, wherein said 5- or 6-membered mono- or poly-heterocyclic group is unsubstituted or~~

~~substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, CF₃, CN, amino, and nitro.~~

7. (Withdrawn, presently amended) The compound according to claim 6, wherein R¹ **represents** and R² ~~independently of each other represent phenyl, 2, 3 or 4-alkylphenyl; 2,3 or 4-alkylbenzyl; 2, 3 or 4-alkoxyphenyl; 2, 3 or 4-alkoxybenzyl; 2, 3 or 4-chlorophenyl; 2, 3 or 4-chlorobenzyl; 2, 3 or 4-fluorophenyl; 2, 3 or 4-bromobenzyl; 2, 3 or 4-bromophenyl; 2, 3 or 4-aminophenyl; 2, 3 or 4-aminobenzyl; 2, 3 or 4-nitrophenyl; 2, 3 or 4-nitrobenzyl; 2, 3 or 4-trifluoromethylphenyl; 2, 3 or 4-trifluoromethylbenzyl; 2-nitro-4-trifluoromethyl-5-chlorophenyl and/or 2-nitro-4-trifluoromethyl-5-chlorobenzyl.~~

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Presently amended) The compound according to claim 6, wherein the mono-heterocyclic group is selected from the group consisting of ~~2- or 3-furanyl, 2-, 4- or 5-imidazolyl, 3-, 4- or 5-isoxazolyl, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridinyl, and 2- or 3-thienyl.~~

10. (Withdrawn) The compound according to claim 9, wherein the mono-heterocyclic group is 4-(3,5-demethyl)-isoxazolyl.

11. - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Withdrawn, presently amended) The compound according to claim 6, herein the heteroalkyl group is ~~furan-2-ylmethyl~~ or pyridinyl-methyl.

15. (Presently amended) The compound according to claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the chemical compound is

Diethyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-3-yl-methyl)malonate;

Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;

Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(pyridin-4-yl-methyl)malonate;

~~Diethyl 2-phenyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl-methyl)malonate;~~

Diethyl 2-(5-chloro-2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(pyridin-3-yl-methyl)malonate;

~~Diethyl 2-benzyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl-methyl)malonate;~~

Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]malonate;

~~Diethyl 2-(2-thienyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;~~

Diethyl 2-(2-thienyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)malonate;

~~Diethyl 2-(2-thienyl)-2-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-ylmethyl)malonate;~~

Diethyl 2-(2-thienyl)-2-(2-chlorobenzyl)malonate;
~~Dimethyl 2-methoxy-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;~~
~~Diethyl 2-acetamido-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;~~
~~Diethyl 2-acetamido-2-(2-chlorobenzyl)malonate;~~
~~Diethyl 2-acetamido-2-(3-chlorobenzyl)malonate;~~
Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-ylmethyl)malonate;
Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)malonate;
Diethyl 2-(4-methyl-phenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;
~~Diethyl 2-(2-thienyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;~~
Diethyl 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;
Diethyl 2-(2-bromobenzyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)malonate;
Di-t-butyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;
Diethyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;
~~Diethyl 2,2-bis(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;~~
~~Diethyl 2-phenyl-2-(acetoxymethyl)malonate;~~
~~Diethyl 2-(2-thienyl)malonate;~~ or
Diethyl 2-(4-aminophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a hydrate thereof.

16. - 25. (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claim 26.

26. (new) The compound according to claim 2, wherein R² represents

a 5- or 6-membered mono- or poly-heterocyclic group selected from the group consisting of isoxazolyl, pyridinyl, thienyl and 1,2,3-benzotriazolyl, said 5- or 6-membered mono- or poly-heterocyclic group being unsubstituted or substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, CF₃, CN, amino and nitro.